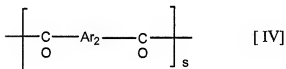
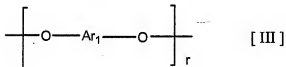
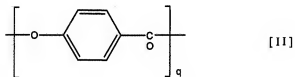
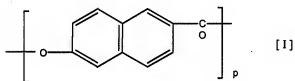


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A liquid-crystalline polyester resin, ~~essentially~~ consisting essentially of the repeating units represented by formulae [I] - [IV]:



where Ar_1 and Ar_2 independently represent one or more bivalent aromatic group; p, q, r and s represent relative molar proportions (mol%) of the repeating units based on the total repeating units represented by formulae [I] - [IV] in the liquid-crystalline polyester resin and satisfy the following formulae:

$$0.4 \leq p/q \leq 2.0,$$

$$35 \leq p \leq 48,$$

$$35 \leq q \leq 48,$$

$$2 \leq r \leq 15,$$

$$2 \leq s \leq 15, \text{ and}$$

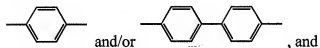
$$p+q+r+s = 100,$$

provided that the liquid-crystalline polyester resin has a melting point of ~~190-205~~ 200-240 °C determined by differential scanning calorimetry.

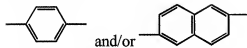
2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 1 wherein:

Ar₁ represents:



Ar₂ represents:



4. (previously presented): The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 1, wherein both Ar₁ and Ar₂ represent:



5. (previously presented): A liquid-crystalline polyester resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of the liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 1 and 0.1- 200 parts by weight of one or more of fibrous, plate or particulate filler and/or reinforcement.

6. (previously presented): A molded article obtained by molding the liquid-crystalline polyester resin or the liquid-crystalline polyester resin composition according to claim 1.

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).